



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **LAWTON MOBILE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TRANSITIONS TO SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER**

**SACRAMENTO** – Dorothy Overall, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Oklahoma office, announced today that the Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) in Lawton has transitioned to a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC). The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the SBA opened the MDRC to provide personal assistance and disaster information to individuals and businesses who suffered damage as a result of the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that occurred June 10 through July 25.

“So far, SBA has approved more than \$7.6 million in low interest disaster loans to Oklahoma residents and businesses hurt by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes,” said Overall. “At this stage of the recovery process, the emphasis for assistance is to meet the long-term needs of victims. We believe the transition of the Lawton Mobile Disaster Recovery Center to an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center will better meet the current needs of Comanche County residents and businesses,” she continued.

At the SBA Outreach Center, which continues to be located at **4135 West Gore Boulevard in Lawton**, SBA customer service representatives are available to provide individuals and business owners with face-to-face service in completing their loan applications, answering questions about SBA’s loan program, and explaining how an SBA disaster loan can help pay for their disaster losses.

Individuals and businesses who sustained losses from the June 10 through July 25 severe storms can speak with SBA representatives without an appointment **Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 6 pm**, through close of business on **Wednesday, August 29, when the center closes**.

SBA representatives also continue to be on hand to issue applications, explain the application process, and help each individual and business owner complete their application at Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers throughout the state (see attached list).

SBA disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

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For small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Interest rates can be as low as 2.875 percent for homeowners and renters and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. SBA sets loan amounts and terms based upon each applicant's financial condition.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 1-800-621-3362. For additional information about SBA disaster assistance, call the SBA Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**, or visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).

The **filing deadline** to return applications for property damage is **September 5, 2007**. The EIDL deadline is **April 7, 2008**.

The following Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers will be open on the indicated days and times:

**Blaine County**

**Watonga**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Foley Building  
7<sup>th</sup> Street and North Laing Avenue

Open: Thursday, August 30  
through Tuesday, September 4

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Canadian County**

**El Reno**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Canadian Valley Tech Center  
6505 East Hwy 66, Room #133

Open: Thursday, August 16  
Through Tuesday, August 21

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Grady County**

**Pocasset**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Pocasset Community Center  
530 South Main Street

Open: Thursday, August 23  
through Tuesday, August 28

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Nowata County**

**South Coffeyville**

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
New City Hall  
419 Willow Street

Thursdays and Fridays Only  
9 am – 6 pm

**Bryan County**

**Durant**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Bryan County Fairgrounds  
Hagard Hall  
1901 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Open: Thursday, August 23  
through Tuesday, August 28

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Cleveland County**

**Norman**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Fairgrounds South Building  
605 East Robinson

Open: Thursday, August 23  
through Tuesday, August 28

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Kiowa County**

**Hobart**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Public Works Building  
Community Room  
410 South Washington Street

Open: Thursday, August 30  
through Tuesday, September 4

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Oklahoma County**

**Oklahoma City**

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)  
Capitol Hill Lions Center  
3800 South Robinson Avenue

Mondays – Saturdays  
8 am – 6 pm

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**Ottawa County**

**Miami**

Disaster Recovery Center  
Furniture Gallery  
1601 North Main

Mondays – Saturdays  
8 am – 6 pm

**Seminole County**

**Seminole**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Jimmy Austin Gold Course  
City of Seminole Community Room  
1605 North Main Street

Open: Thursday, August 30  
through Tuesday, September 4

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Washington County**

**Bartlesville**

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 South Johnstone Avenue

Opens: Monday July 30  
Mondays - Wednesdays  
9 am – 6 pm

**Rogers County**

**Claremore**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
416 South Brady Street

Open: Thursday, August 16  
through Tuesday, August 21

Thursday – Tuesday Only  
8 am – 6 pm

**Stephens County**

**Duncan**

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center  
Red River Technology Center  
3300 West Bois D'Arc Avenue

Open through Tuesday, August 21

Tuesday – Tuesday  
8 am – 6 pm

*For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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